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## Protecting Children from Child Trafficking

Please release the following information relating to looked after children in the care of your authority for the periods:

- 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018
  - 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019
  - 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020
1. The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that have:
    - a. Identified as having been trafficked or a victim of modern slavery – including, but not limited to those identified through the National Referral Mechanism.
    - b. Suspected of having been a **victim of trafficking or modern slavery**, if not included in a.
    - c. Identified as an unaccompanied asylum seeking child (UASC) or **a separated child**
    - d. Identified as being a victim of exploitation
  2. The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority:
    - a. Identified or suspected as having been trafficked/victim of modern slavery and that have gone missing or absent.
    - b. Identified as an UASC or separated child and that have gone missing or absent.
    - c. Identified as being a victim of exploitation and that have gone missing or absent
  3. The total number of individual incidents (which could involve the same child on more than one occasion) of looked after children in the care of your authority:
    - a. Identified or suspected as having been trafficked/victim of modern slavery and that have gone missing or absent.
    - b. Identified as an UASC or separated child and that have gone missing or absent.
    - c. Identified as being a victim of exploitation and that have gone missing or absent
  4. The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that are still missing or absent (including those that subsequently turned 18 without being found) that were identified or suspected as having been trafficked or identified as an UASC or separated child.

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5. *For all of the above please provide a breakdown of these numbers by year and nationality of the child (e.g. British, Vietnamese, etc.) If identification is a concern due to small numbers involved, please give the total figures and specify whether the child is British / an EU national / non EU national. For Q3 & Q4, please add the length of time the child was missing during each incident.*

**Our response is attached**